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SUBJECT: KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ON CRUISE MISSILES

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1. SUMMARY. KRASNAYA ZVEDZDA ON SEPTEMBER 30 PUBLISHED ITS SECOND ARTICLE IN PAST THREE WEEKS DEVOTED LARGELY TO CRUISE MISSILES AND DANGERS THEY POSE. WE ASSUME FROM THIS "COINCIDENCE" AND FROM INTERNAL EVIDENCE IN THE ARTICLE THAT BOTH HAVE BEEN WRITTEN WITH SALT TWO IN MIND. WHILE WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHY THESE ARTICLES ARE APPEARING, WE SEE NO REASON TO JUMP TO CONCLUSION THAT THEY ARE EVIDENCE OF AN IMPENDING PARTY-MILITARY SPLIT ON THE ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE ARTICLE IS SUMMARIZED IN DETAIL IN USDAO MOSCOW 301422Z SEPT. 75, FOR WHICH USDEL SALT TWO AND THE DEPARTMENT ARE ADDRESSEES.

3. THE ARTICLE DOES NOT CONCENTRATE SOLELY ON CRUISE MISSILES. IT ALSO DEVOTES SPACE TO SRAM AND "ASALM'S" (SIC - MISSILES SIMILAR TO THE SRAM BUT WITH RANGES UP TO 500 KMS), AND MAKES THE POINT THAT ALL THREE SYSTEMS ARE INTENDED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO  
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BREAK THROUGH AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS, THOUGH IT ADDS THAT

THEY CAN ALSO BE USED AGAINST STRATEGIC TARGETS. NEVERTHELESS, IT WOULD BE STRETCHING CREDIBILITY TO ASSUME THAT THE APPEARANCE OF THE SECOND SUCH ARTICLE (REFTEL) IN THREE WEEKS DEVOTED LARGELY, IF NOT ENTIRELY, TO CRUISE MISSILES IS SIMPLY A COINCIDENCE. THIS ARTICLE, UNLIKE THE LAST, MAKES NO REFERENCE TO SALT NEGOTIATIONS OR AGREEMENTS. BUT IT DOES ASK, RHETORICALLY, WHY CRUISE MISSILES ARE NECESSARY WHEN ICBM'S AND IRBM'S -ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE. IT ANSWERS, THOUGH NOT QUITE TO THE SAME QUESTION, THAT "MILITARY SPECIALISTS" ARE BASING THEIR EFFORTS TO GAIN FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM ON THE ARGUMENTS THAT ALCM'S CAN BE PROCURED CHEAPLY, CAN BE LAUNCHED IN MASSIVE NUMBERS, AND FLY AT SUCH LOW ALTITUDES THAT THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO INTERCEPT. THE REPLY TO THE RHETORICAL QUESTION IS PHRASED IN A MANNER THAT CONVEYS THE IMPLICATION THAT THERE MAY BE OTHER REASONS AS WELL -- I.E., THOSE ALREADY MENTIONED IN THE PREVIOUS ARTICLE ON CRUISE MISSILES, WHICH SAID THAT CRUISE MISSILES WERE BEING DEVELOPED TO CIRCUMVENT STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENTS.

4. A FURTHER INDIRECT TIE TO SALT TWO NEGOTIATIONS IS MADE IN THE ARTICLE'S OWN EMPHASIS ON ITS STATEMENT THAT U.S. SPECIALISTS ARE INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF LAUNCHING CRUISE MISSILES NOT ONLY FROM "EXISTING STRATEGIC BOMBERS OR THOSE NOW UNDERGOING TESTS," BUT ALSO "FROM TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT OF OBSOLETE TYPES." THE ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS THAT "ACCORDING TO STATEMENTS BY OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE, THE WINGED MISSILE, THE ALCM, MAY BECOME THE FOUNDATION OF A NEW GENERATION OF WEAPONS FOR STRATEGIC BOMBERS."

5. WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN WHY THESE ARTICLES ARE BEING PUBLISHED. TO SOME EXTENT THEY SERVE AS A JUSTIFICATION TO THE PUBLIC, IN THE SOVIET UNION AS WELL AS ABROAD, FOR SOVIET INSISTENCE THAT CRUISE MISSILES BE INCLUDED IN THE VLADIVOSTOK CEILINGS, FOR BOTH HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT SUCH MISSILES ARE DESTABILIZING BECAUSE THEY ARE VIRTUALLY UNSTOPPABLE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME HAVING CONFIDENTIAL

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THE ADDED VIRTUE OF BEING CHEAPLY PROCURED. WE STOP SHORT, HOWEVER, OF SPECULATING AT THIS TIME ON THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME IMPENDING MILITARY-PARTY SPLIT ON THE ISSUE, WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE USING ITS NEWSPAPER TO PUBLICIZE ITS VIEWS. OUR VIEW HAS BEEN THAT THE PARTY HAS THE MILITARY FIRMLY IN TOW ON QUESTIONS OF GRAND STRATEGY, INCLUDING ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS, AND WE DO NOT SEE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE

AT PRESENT TO CAUSE US TO REVISE THIS OPINION.

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